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In re application of:

Application No.

10/049,626

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**Mail Stop Amendment** 

Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Frank Wei Min Lu

For

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: METHOD OF DETECTING AND QUANTITATING MICROORGANISM HAVING SPECIFIC FUNCTION AND ITS GENE FROM NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, NOVEL

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Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

X A Request for Extension of Time.

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Indep. Claims: 3	**3	0	x 44=	\$	x 88=	\$0.00
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